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ZAHEDI'S REPLACEMENT INDICATED

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growing

certainty replacement Prime Minister

Zahedi soon after Shah's return

(late Feb).

A. Political deterioration may force Shah shorten European visit.

B. Zahedi's failing health gives substance to Shah's view that prime minister now incapable effective work.

Has not attended cabinet meetings (strife-ridden) since mid-Dec.

C. Several candidates for job.

1. Senator Eqbal, university chancellor, believed Shah's present choice.

2. Also in field--retired generals

Arfa and Kia.

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D.

[redacted] Zahedi recently said, "I came in on a tank and if necessary I will go out on a tank." Nevertheless, prime minister has no control over sources of power and even one of staunchest supporters has advised him to quit before he thrown out.

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